

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Claim 52 has been amended as requested by the Examiner to recite optimization of the one or more loads of any transport vehicles and to reflect that the steps of the present invention are implemented by computer hardware, computer software or a combination of computer hardware and computer software. Accordingly, dependent Claim 78 has been canceled and incorporated into claim 52. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to Claim 52 does not contain new matter. Support for the amendment can be found within the Specification, for example, at pages 11, 13-19, and 23-28.

In light of the current amendment and previously submitted amendment of August 12, 2004 , Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's Section 101 rejection of pending claims 52-78 (see Official Action dated June 15, 2004) has been overcome.

Thus, for all the foregoing reasons, each of claims 52-78 defines patentable subject matter, and early allowance is solicited.

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